

TALA MADANI

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1981 in Tehran, Iran
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EDUCATION

2004-2006 MFA Painting, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT
1999-2004 BFA Visual Arts, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
BA Political Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 Secession, Vienna, Austria
Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Shit Moms, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Oven Light, Portikus, Frankfurt, Germany

2018 *Corner Projections*, 303 Gallery, New York, NY

2017 La Panacée – Centre de Culture Contemporaine, Montpellier, France organized by Nicolas Bourriaud

2016 *Shitty Disco*, Pilar Corrias, London, England
First Light, co-organized by Kelly Shindler and Henriette Huldish, Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
First Light, curated by Henriette Huldish, MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, MA

2015 *Smiley has no nose*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2014 Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Seville, Spain
Abstract Pussy, Pilar Corrias, London, England
Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, England

2013 *Rip Image*, Moderna Museet, Malmö; Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Tala Madani: Catherine Doctorow Prize for Contemporary Painting, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT

2011 *The Jinn*, Stedelijk Museum Bureau, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Manual Man, Pilar Corrias, London, England

2010 *Pictograms*, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York, NY

- 2009 *Dazzle Men*, Pilar Corrias, London, England
- 2008 *ASS•AS•SIN: hashish anyone?*, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York, NY
- 2007 *Smoke and Mirrors*, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York, NY
- 2006 *Cake Men*, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *For a Multitude of Futures: Overcome The Limits of Immorality*, The Ural Industrial Biennial, Russia
The Seventh Continent, 16th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts, Turkey
303 Gallery: 35 Years, New York, NY
 Ljubljana Biennial of Graphic Arts, International Centre of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia
On Vulnerability and Doubt, curated by Max Delany, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne
Dirty Protest, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 *Remote Castration*, Laxart, Los Angeles, CA
Within Genres, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
First Person Plural: Empathy, Intimacy, Irony and Anger, curated by Matteo Lucchetti, BAK, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2017 *Collection View*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Within Genres, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL
Desire: A Show about sex, love and lust (Curated by Emiliano Valdés), Museo de Arte Moderno, Medellín, Colombia
Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
(X) A Fantasy, David Roberts Art Foundation, London, England
On Space and Place: Contemporary Art from Chicago, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Vancouver, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Prospect 2017, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA
Black & Brown People / White Problems, Samsøñ, Boston, MA
Adult Swim, curated by Gerasimos Floratos, Pilar Corrias, London, England
I Plan to Stay a Believer, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, NY
Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros, curated by Eric Fischl, Hall Art Foundation, Reading, VT
Made Masculine, organized by Lisa Crossman, Museum of Art at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
 National Gallery of Victoria Triennial, Melbourne, Australia
Please fasten your seat belt as we are experiencing some turbulence, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China
 Whitney Biennial 2017, curated by Christopher Y. Lew and Mia Locks, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
First Person Plural (Curated by Matteo Lucchetti), BAK, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Zeitgeist, organized by Paul Bernard, Lionel Bovier, and Fabrice Stroun, Musée d'art moderne et Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

Black & Brown People / White Problems, Samsøñ, Boston, MA
Los Angeles - A Fiction, curated by Gunnar B. Kvaran, Thierry Raspail, and Nicolas Garait-Leavenworth, with advisory from Hans Ulrich Obrist, Ali Subotnick and Alex Israel, Musée d'art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France
In Between: Contemporary Iranian Art (Part 1), curated by Shahram Karimi, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ

- 2016 *Human Condition*, curated by John Wolf, Los Angeles Metropolitan Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
We Dance, We Smoke, We Kiss, curated by Myriam Ben Salah, Fahrenheit, Los Angeles, CA
On Space and Place: Contemporary Art from Chicago, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Vancouver, organized by Julie Rodrigues Widholm, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Los Angeles - A Fiction, curated by Gunnar B. Kvaran, Thierry Raspail, and Nicolas Garait, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway (catalogue)
The Distance of a Day, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
A Modest Proposal, Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY
Omul Negru, curated by Aaron Moulton, Nicodim Gallery at Cantacuzino Palace, Bucharest, Romania
Malerei als Film, Kunsthalle Darmstadt, Germany
Colliding Alien Cargo, Marlborough Chelsea, New York, NY
Inside Out, curated by Alexandra Economou, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, Switzerland
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Mixtape 2016, Pilar Corrias, London, England
- 2015 *Black & White Mike*, curated by Benjamin Weissman, Center for the Arts Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock, CA
Alfred Jarry Archipelago: La Valse Des Pantins - Acte II, curated by Keren Detton and Julie Pellegrin, La Ferme du Buisson, Noisiel, France
Get Rid of Yourself: America is Hard to See, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 2014 *The Great Acceleration: Art in the Anthropocene*, Taipei Biennial (curated by Nicholas Bourriaud), Taipei, Taiwan
Made in L.A. 2014, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Everything falls faster than an anvil, Pace, London, England
Dramedy, Forth Worth Contemporary Arts, Fort Worth, TX
Where are we Now?, 5th Marrakech Biennale, Marrakech, Morocco
In the Near Future, The Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland
- 2013 *Made in Space*, Gavin Brown Enterprise, New York, NY
PLAY! Recapturing the Radical Imagination, Göteborg Biennial, Göteborg, Sweden
Future Generation Prize, Pinchuck Art Prize, Venice, Italy
New works 13.1: Tala Madani, Adam Putnam, and J. Parker Valentine, curated by Suzanne Cotter, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
NO BORDERS: Contemporary art in a globalised world, curated by Jeremy Lewison, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol, England
- 2012 *21 Artists Shortlisted for the Future Generation Art Prize 2012*, Pinchuk Art Centre, Kiev, Ukraine
UNREST: Revolt against Reason, curated by Natalie Musteata, Apexart, New York, NY

De Volkskrant Prijs (De Volkskrant Art Award), Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- 2011 *He disappeared into complete silence*, Museum De Hallen, Haarlem, Netherlands
Speech Matters, Danish Pavilion at the 54th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Open House, Singapore Biennale, Singapore
Between my Head and my Hand, There is Always the Face of Death, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland, OR
- 2010 *Framed, Drawings in Motion*, The Drawing Center, Smartspaces, New York, NY
Greater New York, curated by Klaus Biesenbach, Neville Wakefield, and Connie Butler, MoMA P.S. 1, New York, NY
The Future of Tradition, The Tradition of Future, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
Touched, The 6th Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, England
- 2009 *The Symbolic Efficiency of the Frame*, 4th Tirana International Contemporary Art Biennial, Tirana, Albania
The Generational: Younger Than Jesus, The New Museum, New York, NY
Unveiled: New Art from the Middle East, Saatchi Gallery, London, England
Out-of-Line, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York, NY
The Girl Effect, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York, NY
- 2008 *Works on Paper*, La Maison Jaune, Patricia Low Contemporary, Gstaad, Czech Republic
Size Matters: XXL-Recent Large-Scale Paintings, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, NY
- 2007 *Open Ateliers*, Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands

SELECTED PROJECTS

- 2019 Tala Madani Screening, Frieze Film - Frieze, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 Eye Stabber Screening, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 2012 Video Commission, Creative Time/MoMAPS1/ MTV, New York, NY
- 2009 Tirana Facades Project, Collaboration with Tirana Town Hall and T.I.C.A.B. Facade design of communist living blocks, Tirana, Albania

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Schwabsky, Barry. "Reviews – Tala Madani, 303 Gallery", *Artforum*, January, p. 186 – 187.
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Schneider, Tim. "Editors' Picks: 17 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week," artnet news, online, November 5
Pestana, Steven. "Hope and Hazard: A Comedy of Eros," The Brooklyn Rail, Online, September 4

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"Adult Swim' at Pilar Corrias Gallery, London", Blouin Art Info, Online, July 5
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